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Title

: Non-Positve-Displacement Machine Comprising a Spiral

Channel Provided in the Housing Middle Part

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop: MISSING PARTS

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Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified patent application, kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. A Substitute Specification in both clean copy and marked-up form showing changes is submitted concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. No additional claims fees are due.

Amendments to the Abstract appear on page 5.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.